

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

The 11 "Martyrs"

AIR India's statement from Bombay yesterday, giving the survivors' opinion of the cause of the crash of their Constellation last Monday, is bound to be seized by Peking as proof that sabotage sent the 11 passengers and four crewmen to their deaths. Yet the survivors' statement, as it stands, is inconclusive and plausible only by virtue of the facts that the three men were the only survivors and no other details of the crash are known.

No one will accuse them of hatching this story that the fire which ultimately sent the plane plunging into the sea "emanated from an extraneous source wholly unconnected with the structure of the aircraft". Similarly no one can entirely accept it as the definite cause unless or until it is authenticated by the official court of inquiry set up by the Indian authorities after an examination of the aircraft wreckage.

COMMUNIST China in the meantime is playing on the susceptibilities of the millions of ignorant people in Asia who are incapable of finding any other explanation for the crash. China's flagrant presumption (she announced there had been an "explosion" on board the plane within a few hours of a British frigate picking up the three Indian survivors) and her equally heinous prejudgment of the cause could only be accepted by a moron—or a Communist.

Read the British note to Peking again in the light of the survivors' statement that there was a muffled explosion apparently in the baggage compartment. The British note said: "the actual handling of the luggage and the passengers (in Hongkong) was under the supervision of the China Travel Service and of senior officials of Air India. The only articles placed on board the aircraft were the luggage of the party and normal refreshments." If any bombs were placed in the luggage compartment—China's obvious suggestion—who were to blame? Hongkong officials? Clearly no, for the baggage was not under their supervision.

CHINA has blundered badly with its opprobrious charges. Why should any Nationalist or US agent want to kill six Communist journalists and three minor officials? Supposing for a moment there were anarchists bent on striking some blow at the Bandung conference, who were the logical targets? Insignificant officials, easily replaceable journalists or the "big fish"? Chou En-lai landed at Burma and at Singapore—surely sabotage or assassination would have been more profitable there. For in the eyes of the Communists, Nationalist agents are ubiquitous—even in China itself!

But no, the Chinese have levelled trumped-up charges and curiously, virtually every influential newspaper in China has taken up in unison the chorus of protest—as if rehearsed and pre-ordained. The obvious coincidence of the Bandung conference and "Nationalist sabotage" cannot be dismissed. Communist China, including Mr Chou himself, have visited Hongkong before. No anxiety then, if the Communist charges continue the world may accept the "explosion theory", but wonder who were the perpetrators—sinister Nationalist agents hell-bent on mischief and murder or Peking plotters who saw in the immolation of their own disposable officials, the apparent triumph of a great propaganda cause. In short, are the 11 Communist passengers who died in the crash the martyrs of Bandung... or Peking?

# CHINESE REDS BUILD UP AIR POWER

## Concentrated Opposite Formosa FOSTER DULLES' DISCLOSURE

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, revealed today that the United States had just learned of a mighty build-up of Red Chinese air power on the mainland opposite Formosa.

Mr Dulles told reporters after conferring with President Eisenhower that the US had learned of the new offensive air strength across the Formosan Strait within the "last few days."

The Secretary said he discussed with Mr Eisenhower, in a two-hour conference at the President's vacation headquarters, the "grave implications" of a Red build-up that was "considerably broader in scope than anything that was known until recently."

Mr Dulles declined to say whether he thought the build-up heralded an attack upon the islands of Quemoy, Matsu or Formosa, but he said it indicated a higher "capability" for such an attack "than we had been aware of a few weeks ago."

Mr Dulles said it was only "several days ago" that the United States learned of the considerable intensification of Red Chinese air power opposite Formosa.

The build-up, Mr Dulles said, has been going on for weeks and is still in progress, but the US knew nothing of it until this news came a few days ago by report from the Far East.

The Defence Department in Washington had no comment on Mr Dulles' disclosure, but one source said he would guess that the news was not reported to the President by way of Admiral Felix Stump, commander of the US Pacific forces. Admiral Stump flew to Augusta to report to the President yesterday.

The Eisenhower-Dulles conference covered a broad range of vital foreign policy topics which Mr Dulles summarised in a statement and news conference shortly after the meeting. In addition to the Chinese situation, Mr Dulles reported:

1. Soviet Russia, in its recent dealings with Austria, shows signs of being "willing to alter its 10-year stubborn policy of maintaining indefinitely Red forces of occupation in Austria."

He thought the new Soviet attitude concerning Austria might improve prospects for a Big Four meeting.

2. Mr Dulles thought the situation in Vietnam was "difficult" as the Central Government grappled with the problem of bringing about national unity, but he saw "no reason for discouragement" about the possibility of an eventual solution.

3. The President hoped that the forthcoming Asian-African conference at Bandung, Indonesia, would "exert a practical influence for peace where peace is now in jeopardy."

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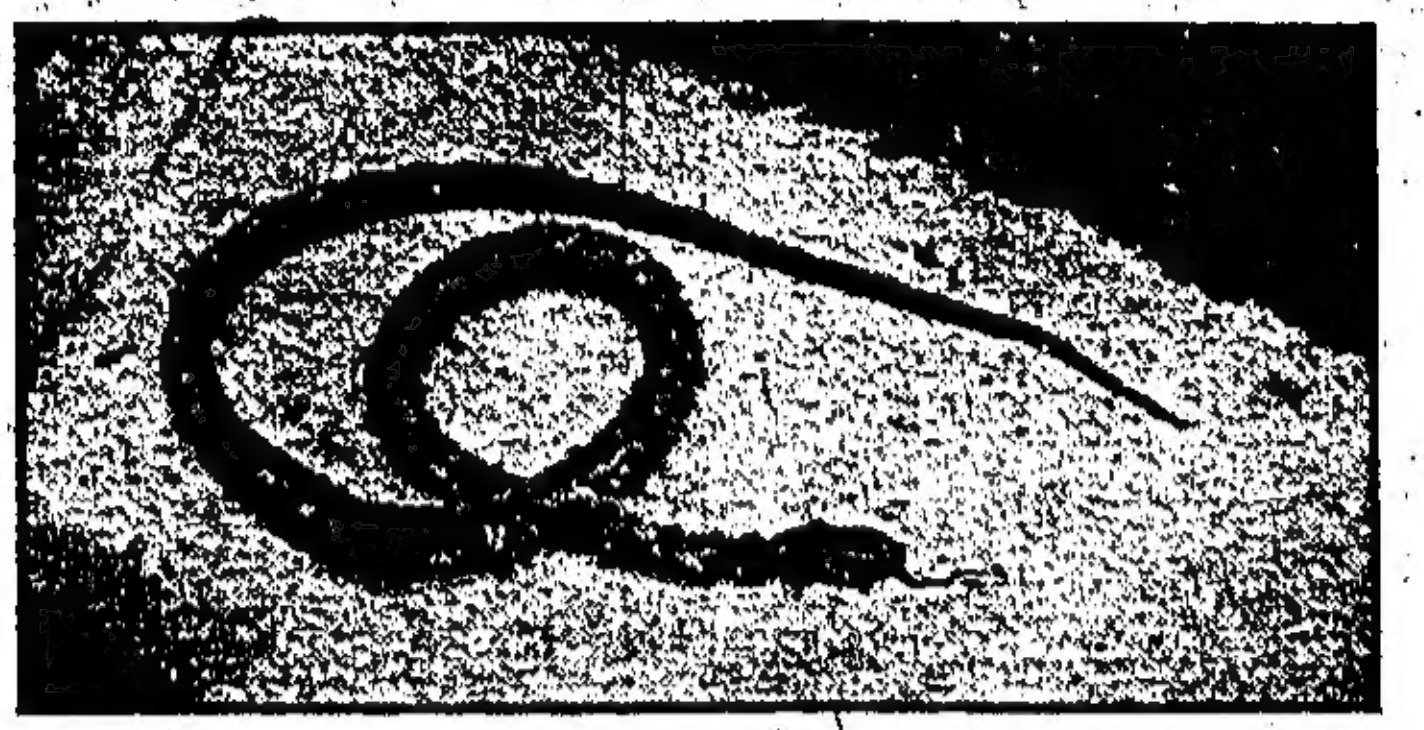
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## Diplomatic Slap



## ATTLEE HURRYING BACK HOME

Vancouver, Apr. 17.

Mr Clement Attlee has cancelled an appearance he was to have made at Edmonton, Alberta, next Tuesday so as to return to Britain for the general election campaign.

Mr Attlee, who came to Canada for a speaking tour under the auspices of the Dominion's Socialist Party, announced his change of plan in a telegram to the organisers at Edmonton.

The telegram addressed to Mr Elmer Roper, Socialist leader in Alberta, said "With deep regret I must cancel my address in Edmonton Gardens on Tuesday, April 19."

It is not known immediately if Mr Attlee would cancel his address in Victoria arranged for tomorrow.

At Vancouver last night, Mr Attlee called for United Nations recognition of the Peking regime and advocated co-existence with Communism.

In a foreign affairs speech to an audience of 3,000 he said the Nationalist Government of General Chiang Kai-shek was corrupt and warned that force would not bring about a change of government on the Chinese mainland. He said Formosa should be put under a trusteeship.

Mr Attlee said the Chinese Communist government was not democratic but had done a lot of good work. An attack on China would drive her "into the arms of Russia."—Reuter.

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## PUZZLING RUSSIAN MOVE

London, Apr. 17.

Russia's crude diplomatic slap to the Allies quickly dispelled illusions in the West today that the Kremlin's Austria gesture marked a turning point in the cold war.

The Soviet levelled its hands-off-the-middle-East threat little more than 24 hours after it had completed its courting of the Austrian Ministers in Moscow.

Western diplomats, caught unaware, were frankly puzzled by the motives of the Russian moves which appeared to fore-shadow new trouble in East-West relations.

Officials considered both Russian moves today as calculated policy steps of the Kremlin, whose motives they were unable immediately to analyse.

They firmly rejected the charge of alleged Allied interference in the Middle East and of putting pressure on countries of the area to enter political alliances.

Both the Turkey-Pakistan pact of 1954 and the more recent Turkey-Iraq pact, officials stressed, have been the outcome of free negotiations between free peoples.

The Turkey-Iraq pact, it was pointed out, is open to other nations in the area, notably members of the Arab League and those "actively concerned with the security and peace of this region."

Recent indications from Tehran were that Iran too may consider its participation in these pacts.

Western diplomats pointed out that the alignment which has encountered Moscow's wrath has sprung largely from the desire of the nations concerned to close the dangerous defence vacuum in that region.

Diplomatic observers said they were at a loss to understand how a free alignment of nations could thus be construed as a threat to peace for consideration of the United Nations.

And some observers cautioned that the Russian move today might foreshadow possible "developments" in Afghanistan from where disquieting signs have been coming in recent weeks.

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## RAPE CASE APPEAL DECISION

## Conviction Quashed, New Trial Ordered

The conviction of Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49, medical practitioner, on a charge of rape was quashed and a new trial ordered when the Full Court delivered judgment on his appeal this morning.

Dr Ng was found guilty by a Special Jury on December 13 last year of raping Tam Shun, a 24-year-old spinster, at his clinic in Nathan Road, on August 28, 1954. He was sentenced to five years' hard labour by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge.

The Full Court was of the opinion that on ground two of the appeal (the question of corroboration) there was misdirection amounting to misdirection in law. The Court came to the conclusion that in the interests of justice the appellant should be tried again.

An application by appellant's Counsel for bail was refused, the Court holding that as the date for appellant's new trial would be on April 25 he should be remanded in custody until that date.

The Full Court comprised Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief Justice), Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (Puisne Judge) and Mr Justice J. Wicks (Acting Puisne Judge).

Appellant was represented by Mr Brook A. Bernatchi, instructed by Mr M. A. de Silva. Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

The appeal list 20 grounds, mainly alleging misdirection to the jury by the Trial Judge in his summing-up.

The Court was asked to capably shortly before the delivery of the judgment. Special Police Officers were posted inside the Courtroom, as well as in all approaches to the Court.

The judgment follows: The appellant was convicted by a Jury of the crime of raping a Chinese female on the 28th August 1954. On the 27th August, the complainant, a 24-year-old spinster, twenty-four years of age was suffering from a stomach pain and wanted to see a doctor. After consulting with her associates she decided to go to the rooms of the appellant who was a medical practitioner with a consulting room at 436 Nathan Road, First Floor, Kowloon. She went there on the 27th with some others including one Wong Yee Shum, a female acquaintance, and one Tam Tim, a female relative. In the consulting room the accused asked her a number of questions—whether she was married or had a boyfriend, concerning her menstruation and whether she had what was referred to as "the whites." The appellant then gave her a physical examination, pressing the two sides of her abdomen. Her trousers were then removed, or partly removed, either by the nurse or the appellant; the latter then said she was going to wash her private parts with a piece of cotton wool soaked in some liquid. Her face was covered with a dark cloth. In the process of this washing or examination he inserted his finger into her private parts and afterwards cleaned them with cotton wool. She was then given two injections in the buttocks by the nurse on the instructions of the appellant; from a prescription found on the premises it appears that the injections may have been 4cc. and 14cc. of penicillin as these items were entered among other things. The nurse Lau Wai Chun said they were of penicillin. The complainant then went into the waiting room, \$10 being paid for the treatment. In a statement the appellant said he had inserted an "S.V.C." (Special Vagina Tablet) into the vagina during this examination.

TOLD TO RETURN The complainant was told by the appellant to return the next day. She did so, having with her on this occasion her relative Tam Tim. Both went into the consulting room, but at some stage Tam Tim was asked to go to the waiting room and did so. According to the complainant the appellant again then asked the same questions about whether she had a boyfriend and about menstruation. She was told to lie down and the appellant, on back page, Col. 5)

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## Opening Of Bandung Conference

### INAUGURATION ADDRESS

Bandung, Apr. 18.

President Soekarno of Indonesia today told the 29-nation Asian-African conference it could "inject the voice of reason into world affairs."

"We can mobilise all the spiritual, all the moral, and all the political strength of Asia and Africa on the side of peace," he stated in his inaugural speech.

The Indonesian President attacked colonialism, describing it as "an evil thing and one which must be eradicated from the earth."

He asked the history-making conference of representatives of more than half the population of the world not to be deceived or even soothed by statements that colonialism was dead.

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## Charged With Murdering Two Boys

Wigan, Apr. 17.

A short, slim, blond man, Norman William Green, 25, was yesterday remanded in custody for a week charged with the murder of two small boys. Both were stabbed to death.

One boy, Norman Yates, aged 10, was found dying of stab wounds in a back street here on Monday night. The other, William Harmer, aged 11, was killed on August 27 last year.

A detective said that on Monday Norman Yates was sent on an errand by his mother at 9.35 p.m. A minute or two later he called at a neighbour's house.

At about 9.45 p.m. two loud screams came to the ears of neighbours, who found the boy on the ground bleeding severely. Yates was taken to hospital but was dead on arrival. He had been stabbed in the neck and in three places on the body.

Green was arrested where he worked on Friday.

When cautioned at the police station he replied, according to chief Superintendent Twiss: "I am sorry. I am very sorry for his mother and I hope she forgives me for what I have done."

Norman Yates' mother said last week that she had sent her son to get some sugar from his aunt. He was one of a family of five children.—China Mail Special.

## Inheritance For Butler

London, Apr. 17.

A butler, awaiting trial at St Neots, Huntingdonshire, charged with stealing valuable art treasures from his late master, has been named as principal beneficiary under the master's will.

He is Rodwell C. Patience, who was employed by Captain Noel Thornhill of Diddington Hall, Huntingdonshire, who died in January.

Under Captain Thornhill's £422,161 sterling will, Patience is to receive a bequest of £11,000 sterling, all his master's clothes except a fur coat, an annuity of £500 sterling and provided he cares for some dogs and a cat.

The next highest bequest of £6,000 sterling goes to a cousin of Captain Thornhill.

Patience, who was charged after Captain Thornhill's death, is accused with another man of stealing china, paintings and jewellery and placing a mock break-in to cover the alleged theft.

He has denied the charges and is on bail pending trial at Huntingdon Assizes next month.—China Mail Special.

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## MILITARY BLOCS IN MID EAST

## Soviet Allegation May Be Raised In United Nations

United Nations, Apr. 16. Western diplomats took a "wait and see" attitude regarding the Soviet Foreign Ministry threat to raise in the United Nations the question of Western "pressure" in the Near and Middle East to create "aggressive military blocs."

A United States delegation spokesman commented that nothing official has been received regarding the Soviet threat but other Western officials called it "another patent propaganda manoeuvre."

## SHARPLY DENOUNCED

The question of Middle East defence arrangements came up in the Security Council two weeks ago when the Soviet delegate, Mr. Arkady A. Sobolev, during a discussion on Egyptian - Israeli - Palestine border problems, blamed Middle East tensions on Western defence programme. Mr. Sobolev attacked Turkey for her alliances with Pakistan and Iraq. He was promptly and sharply denounced by the Turkish, United States and British delegates, among others, for this tactic in attempting to broaden the Palestine debate into a general argument on Middle East affairs.

Western diplomats said the new Moscow threat to make a UN case out of the Middle East defence arrangements could be judged definitively only when she makes known how she would intend to raise the issue through a resolution calling for General Assembly discussion or a demand to the Security Council to take it up as a threat to international peace. — United Press.

## A—Explosion Warning

Washington, Apr. 17. Senator Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana) issued a grim warning on the effect of continuous atomic explosions on human, animal and vegetable life.

In a speech he is to make in the Senate this week, text of which he published today, Mr. Mansfield declared: "The time of decision on the question of survival of civilization, if not of human life itself appears to be drawing uncomfortably close."

Mr. Mansfield said it was the opinion of certain scientists that "the abnormal amount of radioactive activity" released in each atomic explosion would have a very slow but definite cumulative effect upon the earth's atmosphere and, upon its vegetable and animal life and hence upon human life.

The Democrat Senator said that what was involved in "this threat" was not the "frequently voiced fear of slaughter and destruction in war on an unprecedented scale, but of the effects of a hidden insidious, largely undetectable and uncontrollable poison, which perhaps is capable of destroying the human race as a biological genus."

France-Press.

## Juin To Meet Mansergh

Oslo, Apr. 17. Marshal Alphonse Juin, French Commander-in-Chief of NATO forces in Central Europe, is expected to arrive in Oslo tomorrow afternoon for a conference with General Sir Robert Mansergh, British Commander-in-Chief, NATO forces in Northern Europe.

Marshal Juin, who is accompanied by French Admiral Robert Jaurand, NATO naval commander, Central Europe, will be received in audience by King Haakon of Norway on Tuesday.

France-Press.

## RED ENVOY TO LECTURE

London, Apr. 17. Chinese Communist Charge d'Affaires Hsiao Hsiang is to give a public address at Oxford University on May 16 next. This will be the first time Mr. Hsiao will have spoken in public since his arrival in Britain last October. Mr. Hsiao will lecture on "peaceful co-existence."

## SURGERY NOW MUCH SAFER

New York, Apr. 17. Surgery is much safer now than it was only a relatively few years ago. The mortality incidental to virtually all types of operations, even the most radical, had been materially reduced, said Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statisticians, who based their report on a study of various hospital experiences.

Surgical mortality in recent years was compared with that about a decade or more earlier for various types of major operations, including surgery for benign and malignant conditions of the digestive tract, and certain female disorders, also diabetic gangrene.

In every one of the experiences reviewed, surgical mortality was reduced by at least one half, and in several instances by more than four-fifths.

REMARKABLE. This record was all the more remarkable in view of the increase in the proportion of older patients, the statisticians said.

Among the factors which had played a part in bringing about this progress, they said, were the better training of surgeons, advances in surgical techniques, the wide use of the newer chemotherapeutic and antibiotic agents to control infection, and improved anaesthetic substances and procedures.

Increasing use of blood transfusion and the practice of getting patients out of bed as soon as possible after an operation, were also credited with having made major contributions to the general progress.

China Mail Special.

## New operation

Johannesburg, Apr. 17. A series of experiments on baboons to perfect a rare and difficult heart operation is being carried out by a team of surgeons under Professor W. E. Underwood, head of the Department of Surgery at the Johannesburg Medical School.

The operation is the grafting of new sections on to theorta, the heart's main artery, something which has never been carried out successfully anywhere in the world.

So far there have been 10 successful operations, mostly on baboons, and another 40 must be fully successful before the operation is tried on a human being.

China Mail Special.

## TORRENTIAL RAINS IN JAPAN: 100 LIVES LOST

Tokyo, Apr. 17. THE heaviest rains in 66 years today claimed a reported 100 lives in Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu as rescue teams worked feverishly in the midst of stark devastation.

Near Sasebo hope was abandoned for the safety of more than 70 persons buried under tons of debris and dirt when a huge slag heap thundered down upon their small mining community on Saturday afternoon.

Elsewhere in Kyushu 19



The Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton (left) arrives with the Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Lord Swinton, for a Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street, at which he reported on the newspaper strike. — Reuters photo.

## FAURE AND PINAY RE-ELECTED Local Departments

Paris, Apr. 17. Premier Edgar Faure and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay were re-elected as general councillors in their respective constituencies in the local elections, which took place throughout France today.

These elections are for half the seats in the general assemblies, the local administrative parliaments in each of the metropolitan departments.

Each canton elects one representative to these assemblies though the cantons vary in size.

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. An absolute majority is needed to be elected today. Failing this, a second ballot at which a relative majority is sufficient takes place next Sunday.

Abstentions in these local elections were heavy but did not exceed the 40 to 50 per cent recorded in the 1949 and 1952 elections. Nevertheless, in the coal-mining north, where the local population is usually more politically-minded than elsewhere, abstentions were somewhat greater than before.

The outstanding result so far was the very poor showing of the "Poujadist" candidate who posed M. Faure. Despite the personal appearance of M. Pierre Poujade, leader of the shopkeepers anti-tax movement, to back M. Faure as he came to vote at the town hall of Port Lesney, eastern France, of which M. Faure is mayor, the Poujadist, M. Jean Taffin, received less than a quarter of the Premier's votes.

## ASSAULT ON PEAK

Khatmandu, Apr. 17. British expedition to Kanchenjunga, the world's highest unconquered peak, began the assault last week, according to message received here today.

Message said after the base camp was established the expedition began the ascent to pitch higher camps.

Meanwhile the ten-member Swiss men expedition to Dhaulagiri reached Muri on April 2 after a fourteen-day trek to Dhaulagiri base from Pokhara, eight miles west of here. — United Press.

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# Elections Should Be Postponed

## Says Gaitskell

### WOOLTON REJECTS STAND OVER PAPER STRIKE



LORD WOOLTON

London, Apr. 17. The Former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, demanded today that Sir Anthony Eden consider postponing the May 28 National Elections unless Britain's newspaper strike is settled within two weeks.

The prominent Labour Party member and former Cabinet Minister said he felt there "might be a case" to hold up even the dissolution of Parliament on May 6 unless the wage walkout that has stilled the presses printing London's big national papers for three weeks ends before the beginning of May.

The Conservative Party chairman, Lord Woolton, rejected Mr Gaitskell's stand.

#### ELECTION FEVER

Both men were speaking in exclusive interviews with the United Press as election fever flashed through Britain and candidates girded for the clash.

Mr Gaitskell spoke with the United Press in the garden of his home in the Hampstead district of London. Lord Woolton granted the interview in the grounds of his country home at Walsingham.

"If the newspaper strike continues into May it will be very serious," said Mr Gaitskell.

"If by the beginning of May there are no papers and no sign that publication will be resumed, the government should definitely consider whether it can hold the elections without newspapers to keep the country informed. There might be a case for not proceeding with the dissolution of Parliament on May 6 as scheduled."

He said "it will even be most unusual" for the Conservatives to present their 1955-56 Budget to Parliament on Tuesday in the news blackout.

Lord Woolton said Sir Anthony's Conservatives were determined to go ahead whether the marathon strike, stalling papers with a combined circulation of 50,000,000, is settled or not.

"Our intention is to go ahead," said Lord Woolton.

#### WINSTON'S CHOOSING

"You cannot let a small group of men hold up this country's constitutional processes, but I hope the strike will be over by then."

Lord Woolton said he did not believe Sir Winston Churchill's retirement would cost the Party votes. The Conservative leaders

comprise, he said, men of Sir Winston's choosing.

Mr Gaitskell said he did not know whether the Conservative vote would be cut by Sir Winston's retirement.

"People vote for a Party here in England," he said. "That doesn't mean that its leaders are not important. So far neither the Conservative Party nor the public has had a chance to judge Sir Anthony in office as Prime Minister."

Lord Woolton disclosed that Sir Anthony's dramatic decision, just ten days after taking over from Sir Winston Churchill, to seek a fresh mandate from the British electorate was taken at a 10 Downing Street meeting on Friday afternoon—just hours before the announcement over the British Broadcasting Corporation.

He said a small group of senior Cabinet Ministers attended the meeting with Sir Anthony and the election decision was unanimous. "To end uncertainty at home and abroad, which is bad for international affairs and commercial affairs."

"ECONOMIC PINCH" Mr Gaitskell, however, sounded the Labour Party election claim that the Conservatives' claim to an immediate vote because they feared an economic pinch was imminent.

"It is the growing trade deficit which is responsible," said Mr Gaitskell.

"It was far larger in the first three months of this year than the heavy deficit in the last six months of 1954. In March the trade gap was almost £100,000,000. The recent boom in the bank rate is not going to have the necessary effect on imports unless it is used with credit policy which will lead to unemployment and reduced production."

Mr Gaitskell said Lord Woolton's claim that Sir Anthony sought the election to end uncertainty after the change in government was "absurd."

Lord Woolton rejected Socialist charges that an impending slump forced the election. "Why should we fear the future?" he asked. "We have full employment, a higher standard of living than for many years, a higher standard of spending and saving, and we have peace. What else can the electorate ask from the government."

Lord Woolton declined to prophesy the elections' outcome but predicted the Conservatives would win.

Mr Gaitskell said: "It will be a close election and a good deal will turn on organisation of the campaign and possibly the emergence of some unforeseen issue during the campaign."

**DON'T WANT COMMUNISTS** Mr Gaitskell turned down flat the call by the Daily Worker for Communist support of Labour Party candidates where no Communists are running.

"We do not want Communist support," he said. — United Press.



The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh (both of them carrying posies), leaving Southwark Cathedral after attending the Maundy Service, when Her Majesty, according to ancient custom, distributed the annual Maundy Money to the aged.—Central Press Photo.

Queen attends Maundy service

#### CIVIL SERVANTS CALL STRIKE

Tunis, Apr. 17. French civil servants in Tunisia, members of the General Workers Union of Tunisia, are determined to pursue their action next Tuesday, M. Jean Giovanni, President of the Union, said.

M. Giovanni left here for Paris today on summons by Premier M. Edgar Faure to discuss the Union's decision to stage a strike on Tuesday in support of claims for greater security in their jobs and improved conditions.—France-Press.

#### Policeman Escorted To Prison

Kampala, Apr. 17. A dozen prisoners from a Buganda Government prison near Kampala found themselves in a quandary, and solved their problem in an unusual way.

They were marched by a native Government policeman to the house of one of the princesses in the Buganda Royal family where they were to do a day's work as part of the punishment for their offences.

When they arrived their escort said he was not feeling well and that he was going to a nearby hospital for treatment.

He left the prisoners on their own and at the end of the day had still not returned. After holding a conference the prisoners decided to make their own way back to prison without the policeman.

#### DRUNK

On the way they found a man lying at the side of the road. Further investigation revealed that it was the policeman who had been in charge of them and that he was inebriated drunk.

After further discussion, the prisoners elected one of themselves as their leader. This man removed the official hat and belt from the policeman and put them on himself. Unfortunately he found he was unable to wear the man's shoes, because of a large and painful corn on one of his toes.

The new "policeman" then escorted his fellow prisoners and their former guardian back to prison. Crowds gathered at the side of the road to watch the unusual spectacle of a staggering policeman being taken into custody by one of his own prisoners.—China Mail Special.

## Unneeded Supplies US GOVERNMENT WASTES MILLIONS

Washington, Apr. 17. A commission headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover reported today that the Government was wasting thousands of millions of dollars building up "mountainous supplies" of unneeded goods and then selling them at a fraction of their cost.

Some of these goods were finding their way into Communist hands through "uncontrollable loopholes," the twelve member bipartisan commission said.

In a 96 page report published tonight the commission set out a long list of recommendations for more efficient handling of Government supplies now valued at \$155,000 million and scattered throughout the world.

#### PREVENTION

The report said the prevention of excessive surplus, by proper inventory controls could eliminate from \$10,000 to \$25,000 million dollars worth of supplies now in Government warehouses, the report said.

Confusion in selling the huge surplus supplies had become so acute, the report recalled, that the Air Force once offered sterling silver for sale at brass.

A spot check at Raritan, New Jersey, on ten items once revealed that the Army had an average of 32.6 years' supply on hand.

At Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, the Navy had enough gear drives to supply needs for 128 years at the current rate of issue.

The Army Signal Corps had an authorised stock level of 1,428,000 dry cell flashlight batteries—an eight and half years' supply—though the

batteries would have a short life span on the shelves.

The commission found little interchange of surplus goods among Government agencies. In fact it said an agency often paid commercial prices for an item which another agency was selling as surplus at a loss.

#### FOREIGN AID

The commission also urged much more extensive use of surplus supplies in the United States foreign aid programme.

It said taxpayers paid for new products to be sent abroad while some Government agencies already had a surplus of the same products on hand.—Reuter.

## STEVENSON STILL IN DOUBT

Washington, Apr. 17. Mr Adlai Stevenson, head of the Democratic Party, left today for a business trip to Africa with political circles still in doubt about his intentions for next year's presidential campaign.

Observers concluded that Mr Stevenson, unsuccessful candidate in 1952, intended to postpone for several months a decision on whether to seek his Party's nomination next year.

But he is due to make a series of speeches this summer beginning at the National Federation of Women's Clubs in Philadelphia on May 24.

#### STRONG INFLUENCE

Reaction to these speeches coupled with political developments in the interval may have a strong influence on whether Mr Stevenson now working as a lawyer, sought nomination, observers said.

At last night's Democratic Party banquet here in honour of Mr Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Stevenson said that the Democratic Party must stand for three basic things: social progress, civil freedom and peace. Peace was "the most urgent business of the 20th century, the hydrogen age."—Reuter.

London, Apr. 17. The 85th birthday anniversary of Lenin, the Soviet revolutionary, was celebrated in Moscow today by a Red Square march-past of over 2,000 Moscow pioneers (Russian style boy scouts and girl guides), the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reports.—China Mail Special.

## Delegate Insulted At Bandung

### REPORTER'S QUESTION

Bandung, Apr. 17. The Asian-African conference was the proper body to decide on measures necessary to force colonial freedom, a spokesman for the North African delegation to the conference said today.

The spokesman told a Press conference that his delegation would welcome help from the Chinese People's Government in their struggle for independence.

#### SITUATION GRAVE

In a statement issued before the Press conference, the delegation said the situation in Morocco was extremely grave and dangerous and that no proposal for settlement had been made by France.

The spokesman replied in French: "You are insulting me."

In reply to a question: "What do you want the United States to do?" he replied: "Support us."—Reuter.

The statement added: "We recognise the absolute determination of the conference to root out colonialism, wherever it may be."

"We, who live under colonial domination, whether in Africa or Asia, cannot ignore the fact that the development of the present world situation has resulted in a dangerous consolidation of the colonial rulers and their allies and in a very definite stiffening of their resistance to the demand for the restoration or establishment of national independence."

The spokesman said that military alliances between Western powers had hampered North African independence for "strategic reasons."

When he said that the French had used worse tortures in North Africa than the Gestapo, a French correspondent interrupted: "Do you not think you are spoiling a very good case for

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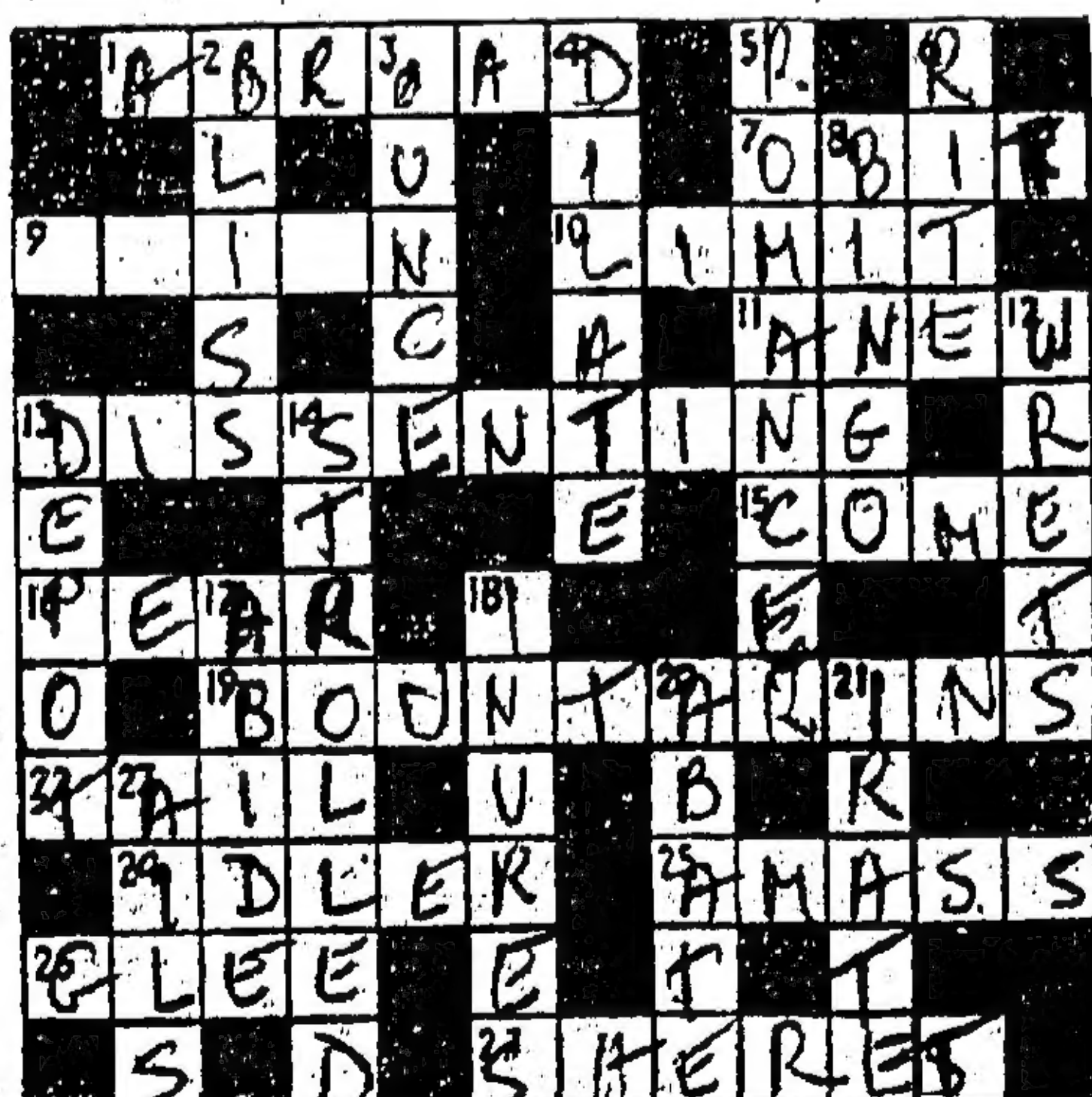
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| 9 Rule (5).          | 4 Swell (6).                    |
| 10 Restrict (5).     | 5 Story-teller (8).             |
| 11 Disagree (4).     | 6 Ceremony (4).                 |
| 12 Disagreeing (10). | 7 Wild Australian dog (5).      |
| 15 Arrive (4).       | 8 Sharpens (3).                 |
| 16 Erupt (4).        | 9 Headquarters of regiment (5). |
| 19 Marches (10).     | 14 Walked casually (8).         |
| 22 Appendage (4).    | 17 Tolerate (5).                |
| 24 Loafer (6).       | 18 Hardens (6).                 |
| 25 Accumulate (5).   | 20 Diminish (5).                |
| 26 Merriment (4).    | 21 Angry (5).                   |
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**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1 Sherry, 4 Fault, 7 Untrue, 8 Minim, 10 Brad, 12 Related, 15 Noted, 16 Tore, 17 Eggs, 19 Valet, 20 Dresser, 21 Silt, 23 Lured, 24 Torrid, 25 Terse, 26 Candid, Down: 1 Stumbled, 2 Estrange, 3 Rout, 5 Axioms, 6 Litter, 9 Cedar, 11 Doctress, 12 Revel, 13 Tattered, 14 Degraded, 18 Grouse, 22 Coma.

## IMPORTANCE OF LIVING, BY LIN YU-TANG

Singapore, Apr. 17. Dr Lin Yu-tang, well-known author of "The Importance of Living" has left Singapore—\$372,241.50 the richer.

Dr Lin resigned his post as Chancellor-designate of the Nanyang University, together with his entire university staff.

Trustees which was brought about by the wide divergence of their views.

Dr Lin and all the faculty members had been engaged abroad to teach in the university which was to be set up here to conserve Chinese culture among the 10,000,000 Chinese in Southeast Asia.

Dr Lin will go to Nise with his family, and later to Paris. The other professors will return to their old homes in America and Europe.—France-Press.



## DID IT HAPPEN?

● SECOND in the series of stories by famous authors that will keep you guessing

YOU wouldn't expect to get your first flight in a helicopter in the middle of Labrador or to be peering out of it, searching for a crashed aircraft. Yet that was what happened to me in the autumn of 1953 when I was living in the construction camps of the now-completed iron-ore railway.

It was a Beaver floatplane that had crashed and it was rather an odd story. The pilot, a man called Jeff, whom I had met down at Seven Islands, had been sent up to an isolated lakeside camp to bring out a geologist who was "bushed."

Bad weather had delayed him overnight and he had left first thing that morning. Shortly after nine he had come on the air with the announcement that he was making a forced landing on a small lake some 10 miles southeast of Menihik Dam; he had been bucking head winds all the way and had run out of gas.

Almost immediately afterwards, according to the radio operator at the Mile 290 airstrip, he had shouted something about "the door" and "he's trying to jump out," and then, loud and clear, "They're fighting... I can't hold her... After that there had been silence.

## FORCED LANDING

by  
Hammond  
Innes



A story set in Canada comes naturally from his pen—he knows the country well. But after travelling the world collecting back ground material for his adventure books, he knows most countries well.

## We got away

The weather was bad all morning and even the airlift planes that kept the forward camps supplied were grounded. But we got away about three in the afternoon and, as we sidled north across the wind gusts, Labrador unrolled before me like a map come to life—the sombre black of stunted jack-pine and the endless, endless lakes.

I had come up to Mile 290 by speeder and truck and deep—a freezing, jolting, laborious journey. Now the miles slipped effortlessly by, as though I were seated in some magical arm-chair. We followed the yellow slash of the newly constructed grade until it became intermittent, with machines no bigger than toys burrowing into virgin

soil, and where it ceased altogether and there was only a thin cut marking the proposed line of the railway, we swung east and began our search.

It was all lakes and muskeg; gloomy, desolate country with one stretch of water much the same as another and only luck to guide us. We had been searching for about half an hour when a Dakota came out of the north and crossed ahead and slightly above us, blinking its landing lights. It banked steeply, circling round us, and headed northwards again.

## Found!

"I believe he's found them," Mike yelled to me above the din of the engine.

Ten minutes later we came up with the Dakota circling low down over a lake, and below I saw the silver cross of a small aircraft speckled in the muskeg at the water's edge. Its floats had hit the muskeg, scoring a double track through it for 20 yards or so, and had then snapped off, pitching the little airplane forward on to its nose, burrowing in deep into the swamp before it had settled back to lie flat with wings outstretched.

"That's Jeff's airplane all right," Mike shouted to me as he dropped the helicopter like a lift towards the lake. "And that's Jeff." A figure was standing on the fuselage. "Can't land in the muskeg... Have to

hover... Ask him if there are any casualties."

I got my door open and a freezing wind from the rotor blades invaded the heated cockpit. The pilot was balanced unsteadily on the fuselage, his face deathly white. There was blood on his left sleeve and his arm hung awkwardly. "Anybody else hurt?" I called down to him.

"Yes... Somers... badly hurt."

"What about the third man?" "Andre Bernis? Oh, he's okay."

I reported the position to Mike. "So it's Somers, is it?" He shook his head. "Pity! Fine geologist." He was frowning. "Well, I suppose if he's injured I'll have to take him. He obviously didn't like it after what had happened to the Beaver."

The helicopter could only take two passengers. Mike agreed that I should get out and he'd pick me up later. "I'll be back inside of an hour," he said as he inched the machine down till the skids touched at the root of the fuselage's port wing. "Watch the rotor!" he shouted as I jumped.

Somewhat the pilot and I got Somers out of the cockpit and into the helicopter, the wind of the rotor tearing at us and the fabric of the crashed airplane juddering under our feet. The geologist was in a frightful state, half delirious, his face cut to ribbons. "Hurry up, Jeff," Mike shouted.

But the pilot hesitated. "Don't like leaving you here alone," he said to me thickly. "Guest of the Company... If anything happened..."

"I'll be all right," I yelled and pushed him into the helicopter. He was on the verge of collapse. "Back for you soon," Mike called out.

The pilot leaned down towards me. "Andre Bernis..." he shouted. "Be careful not to..."

## Wide-eyed

The rotor roared, drowning his words and almost blowing me into the muskeg. Then the helicopter was up and away and it was suddenly quiet and very lonely there on the lakeside. The sky was leaden, the water and trees black-looking. It had begun to rain.

Down below in the stubby fuselage I found Andre Bernis stretched out on a pile of kit. "You all right?" He stared at me with wide, unwhirling eyes, not moving a muscle. For a ghastly moment I thought he was dead, that that was what the pilot had

been trying to tell me. But the lights still worked and they showed me that he was breathing quite regularly. I asked him about Somers, about what had happened. For a while he didn't answer, and then he suddenly sat up and poured out a torrent of French at me.

I couldn't understand a word he said so I settled myself down in the pilot's seat to wait for Mike.

## Very dark

After that it began to get very dark. The light scattering of rain had turned to sleet and it was beating against the fuselage with a sound like surf sucking at a shingle beach. The wind rose and whipped the lake to a froth, gusts tearing at the water. I knew the helicopter couldn't fly through that sort of weather but I went on hoping. An hour passed... two hours. The last of the daylight was blanketed in snow, a dirty, driven curtain that turned the muskeg white and caked on the jackpine fringe of the lake.

I was there for the night, then—not a pleasant prospect, particularly with a French Canadian whom I couldn't talk to. The hours passed and he lay there at the back of the airplane in a wide-eyed staring silence that got on my nerves. He seemed dazed by the crash, lying in a sort of torpor. I wondered what he was doing on the airplane—a sort of voyager, probably there to look after Somers. And a damned poor job he'd made of it.

## Afloat

At length I went to sleep and woke cold and stiff, some hours later to a sense of movement and the sound of water. I peered out. It was moonlight and the lake had risen, covering the muskeg. The airplane rocked gently, almost afloat.

There was a metallic rattle beneath me and I turned. The Frenchman was standing up in the dim-lit cavern of the fuselage wrestling with the handle of the door, thrusting at it with his shoulder. "Keep still!" I shouted at him. I was afraid he would roll the bottom of the door under, fill the airplane with water.

But he took no notice, intent only on getting out of the plane. I struggled out of my borrowed sleeping-bag and started to pull him away from the door. And then it struck me—the man wanting to get out and me pulling him back from the door! A

cold prickle of fear ran up my spine.

I tried to tell myself it wasn't possible and started to reason with him, speaking slowly, distinctly, trying to make him understand about the water round the plane, that he'd only drown or die of cold if he left the fuselage. He listened to me very carefully and then said in English, "But I must go." He said it mildly, but quite firmly. "I must go—or I shall be late."

"Late? Late for what?" I asked.

"For my broadcast, I am broadcasting my Message to the world tonight."

## I knew...

I don't think I have ever been quite so scared by anything a man has said to me before. The words, spoken so quietly, told me I was shut up in that plane with a madman.

He had turned to the door again and the whole airplane rocked as he drove his shoulder against it. I tried to stop him, but he became violent then and flung me off, shouting that I was against him like the others had been, that everybody was against him—but that nothing would stop him. "Rien Rien de tout." The door burst open, water pouring into the fuselage, and he stood in the gap, his hair blowing in the icy wind, staring out at the water that surrounded the airplane. "Mon Dieu!" He let the door slam shut and looked at me accusingly. "This is not Montreal."

"No."

He became very excited then and kept on asking when we should arrive. It was all mixed up with volumes of French spoken very fast. I soothed him as best I could and in the end he seemed to become exhausted and quietened down.

## An axe

I spent the rest of the night wide awake in a state of nervous tension, watching him from the pilot's seat. I remember the thing that worried me most was his head, the light glinted on its naked blade.

The helicopter arrived just as the sun rose, I told Bernis that it would take him to Montreal, and he climbed in, docile and seemingly quite normal. We landed at Menihik in the huddled street close by the end of the half-completed dam, and when Mike and I were alone, I said, "That was a hell of a night I had out there."

He nodded. "Sorry about that. The weather... couldn't help it." He didn't seem very concerned and began telling me about the injured man. The pilot had been flown off unconscious. And of Somers, he said, "It's queer how it takes time... wanted me to believe it was the Frenchman who was 'bush'."

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Saturday's story, "Dover Incident," actually happened to Nigel Balechin.

Now, did Hammond Innes make this story up—or did it really happen to him? Is it FACT or FICTION? See tomorrow.

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?  
No. 2: Forced Landing  
YES NO

## Who Rules Soviet Central Asia?

By WALTER KOLARZ

LOCAL parliamentary elections have recently been held in the non-Russian Soviet Republics. They did not arouse interest in the world at large, for they were the usual totalitarian plebiscite resulting in an almost unanimous vote for a single official list of Communists and "non-Party" candidates. They did, however, produce some interesting material. They caused local newspapers to publish lists of candidates, and by studying these it is possible to discover who the important people in each republic are and to what nationality they belong. The result is a fascinating picture of the distribution of power among the ethnic groups of the Soviet Union.

Take the candidates for Tashkent, which is not only the capital of one of Russia's Muslim republics but by far the largest city in Soviet Central Asia. In Tsarist times Tashkent was the seat of the Governor-General of Turkestan. To-day, Turkestan has no Russian Governor-General and even the use of the word "Turkestan" is prohibited because it is said to smack of the colonial past. Under Soviet rule, the Uzbek, Kazakh, Kirghiz, Tadzhik and Turkmenian republics have taken the place of Turkestan.

But this is a constitutional fiction. Soviet Central Asia is still largely controlled from Tashkent, the headquarters of several big State-capitalistic enterprises which exploit the riches of the ancient Muslim lands. They employ vast numbers of people and have stretched out tentacles into every Central Asian republic. One of these State enterprises is the huge Central Asian Coal Combine (Sredazugol). It operates regardless of internal boundaries in four Soviet republics, and administers as many as seven different coal trusts. Its chief is Andrei Dmitriyevich Lebedev, a member of the Uzbek Communist Central Committee.

He has now been elected to the Supreme Soviet of Uzbekistan, where he will be only one of several influential Russians who occupy key positions in the economic life of Uzbekistan. These included the directors of the big textile factories in Tashkent, the Stalin Textile Combine and the Tashseimash, the biggest factory producing agricultural machinery in Soviet Central Asia.

Another key deputy to the Uzbek Parliament who was elected not in Tashkent itself but in one of the provinces, is Fyodor Pavlovich Leksashov, chief of the Central Asian Oil Combine (Sredazneft). He is in supreme charge not only of all existing oil wells in Central Asia, but also of all future oil prospecting.

In Their Grip There are so many Russian and other European deputies in the new Uzbek Supreme Soviet that it is impossible to mention them all among them they hold positions which enable them to keep the entire country in their grip. For instance, the plenipotentiary of the Ministry of Agricultural Procurements has a Ukrainian name. He collects all the cotton, rice and wheat from the hundreds of collective farms throughout the country. And those who fail to meet the supply quotas are dealt with by the office of the Public Prosecutor whose chief is again a European, this time with the Polish-sounding name, Yatskovsky.

As long as the ranks of the local qualified cadres continue to be depleted by purges (the European will, of necessity, remain in control).

After that—silence. This is Jim Bailey's usual way of life, so no one is worried. They just know he is being a horse-breeder or a sheep-farmer or a financier somewhere else for a little while.

Jim's next magazine was "Africa," a glossy, pinup-prime job full of bouncers, with fewer Drum-type articles on child education and home building. It is doing well.

## THE MANY SIDES OF JIM BAILEY

From Donald Wise

Johannesburg. MILLIONAIRE Jim Bailey went missing again the other day. One minute he was sprawled behind his butter-coloured desk in a pair of frightful old flannels and a short-sleeved shirt. His staff were waiting to worry him with their chores. Then he was gone.

Jim Bailey is a weird, Howard Hughes type. His moves are harder to predict than a jumping bean.

Conferences take place anywhere. He is never on time. He can rarely be found when wanted in a hurry.

His publications—two magazines, one tabloid the late, fabulous Sir Abe

Bailey, the mining millionaire.

Such activities in a multi-racial, multi-prejudice land like South Africa need careful staff work. More often than not it is essential that his right hand operates quite secretly and independently of his left.

So far, like most things that this 38-year-old ex-RAF fighter pilot touches, his African voices are in the fettle.

His first magazine "Drum" appeared five years ago, beating for South Africa's 9,000,000 non-whites of whom some 65,000 now buy it every month. Its 40 pages—in and society, sports and scandal—can be bought in Kenya on the West Coast and almost anywhere south of the Sahara.

It has not been an easy life. More than once the tactical

white-man-boss government has threatened to trim Bailey's newspaper allocation—once, for example, because he printed a picture of Eleanor Roosevelt shaking hands with a Negro.

"Drum's" reporters are probably the most beaten-up team in the world. They have been whipped by white farmers, working convict labour gangs, flogged wine-growers who keep their workers permanently buzzed as part payment, locked up by police when they tried to expose the notorious third degree in South Africa's jails.

He reappeared briefly at a party, curled round a glass of beer, an obvious bachelor target for every pretty girl in the room.

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Mrs. J. F. Newman, wife of Gr. Capt. J. F. Newman, DSO, DFC, Station Commander, RAF Kai Tak, presenting the Inter-Wing Trophy to the captain of the Little Saiwan team at the conclusion of the annual Royal Air Force sports at Kai Tak on Saturday.—China Mail Photo.

## Cup Final Income Will Be Doubled This Year

Says ARCHIE QUICK

A richer prize than usual is likely to fall to the winners of the Football Association and Scottish Cups. Nothing less than a British Cup Championship match as the inaugural floodlight attraction at Wembley Stadium. In other words, the normal Cup Final income of nearly £50,000 would be doubled!

After many experiments the Wembley lights installation is nearing completion and an official there told me on the day of the England-Scotland International that they hoped to play the first match in the autumn, probably October.

Manchester City, Newcastle United, Clyde and Celtic, therefore, have an additional incentive, but some of the gilt may be taken off the Wembley gingerbread for I understand that if Manchester City and Clyde prove to be the eventual winners they have already made tentative arrangements to stage a similar match at Maine Road, Manchester.

I believe that should that prove to be the case Sir Arthur Elvin, the Wembley chief, would not entertain the staging of a second match but would substitute a British Championship between the two winners of the English and Scottish leagues. He will endeavour to clinch that anyway.

### GREAT PLANS

Wembley has great plans for the future. In addition to these two attractions a British Floodlight League is being dreamed up. Also visualised is an Inter-City League and a European League. Air travel has made all these things possible, but the sanction and co-operation of the Football Association and the Football League are needed, not to mention the help of the International Federation and the Overseas Associations. Strong as is the power of Wembley, I do not see all those things forthcoming. There are many, many things such as congestion of League fixtures, strain on the players, additional wages and a dozen and one other items.

Sir Arthur Elvin is optimistic, but he does not intend to rush things. "All his desirable objectives will be sought gradually. He does, however, intend to ask for a meeting with the Association and the League this coming summer to discuss his suggestions. His ambition is to make Wembley Stadium the pioneer and Mecca of a new sport—a stage-managed show for the evening entertainment of the family. He has achieved greater things.

A Football Association official told me that no approach had yet been officially made by Wembley although the FA might know of the plans in the air. He would not be drawn into forecasting what might be the result of any such approach. Finally, the BBC and the Players' Union loom largely in any such schemes.

## Policeman Breaks Empire High Jump Record

Lagos, Apr. 17. A Nigerian policeman, J. O. Chigbolu set up a new British Empire record for the high jump when he cleared 6 feet 8 1/2 inches at an international athletic meeting here last night.

The former record of 6 feet 8 inches was set by Emanuel Iteajuna during the British Empire Games at Vancouver last year.—France-Press.

## WORLD SWIM RECORD

Atkin, Holland, Apr. 17. Mary Kok, 14-year-old Dutch swimmer, beat the Women's World Record for the 100 Metres Butterfly Stroke here last night with a time of one minute 13.8 seconds.—Reuter.

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:  
(1) Footballing prowess.  
(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed) .....

## SERVICES & CAPT. SPOONER BEAT CIVILIANS IN A SUN AND SWEAT BATH

By "RECORDER"

The title to this story is slightly misleading. The cold fact on a hot day was that Capt. L. R. Spooner, RAPC, completely outmanoeuvred the Hon. Recorder of the HKAAA in a strategical battle played with also-rans.

Neither the Combined Services, winners of this annual athletic match by 183 points to 156, nor the Combined Civilians were at anything like full strength. There was, to put it mildly, nothing resembling full strength on either side.

But this was amateur athletics at its very best. Nothing like it has been seen before in the history of athletics in this colony. In the worst possible conditions of weather, the speed of the track excepted, the hatred was on full blast, the crimples were sidelined and the also-rans turned on one of the best moods ever seen.

The two conspirators involved had a short meeting on Saturday afternoon at Kai Tak when both acknowledged that, never mind who turned out or not, two teams would still get opposed. Neither quite sufficiently realised how much enthusiasm there was among those who never otherwise had much of a chance. Volunteers to replace the crimples and prima donnas turned out in a regular stream and some of them opened eyes wide with surprise. To begin with, the 440 Yards Hurdles had been billed as the star item of the meeting. Of the six original billed starters, only one turned up. That was Gnr. Bell, of 173 Loc. Coy, RA, Hurdles but the last man suspected of being able to even reach Standard Medal time.

Roy Bell not only achieved Standard Medal time but also came within one-tenth of a second of the Colony record with an unbelievable 51.5 seconds. A dozen good QM hurdlers have tried their best to achieve a time in the last three years but only four (Reep, Colliars, Waite and Ho Hin-po) have succeeded.

Ho Hin-po has done it twice. None of the others more than once. If you follow athletics in this Colony, and more and more people do, as the growing galleries testify, think of the good low hurdlers who didn't—Charles, Lo Wing-chuen, Leung Kam-ching, Atwood—no name just a few.

### THE WONDER

Yet, not even Ho Hin-po has come so near a Colony record as did Roy Bell yesterday. But the wonder of this event was the performance of a 30-second deadline volunteer reserve, signed on just as Ho Hin-po announced that he was only fit for the throws.

Diocesan Boys' School's Samuel Lo took the line with the others on his first ever start in this race and claimed the sixth Standard Medal in three years. His 42.0 seconds at Kai Tak was the second best performance ever turned out on that track for this event.

But both Bell and Samuel Lo owe much to another low hurdler who has tried for years without success in this event. Cheung Chek-yin, the keen South China AA boy who came near enough to the Athletic of the Year Award, looked like a Colony record-breaker until the last hurdle when he lost his balance. He finished third in 62.9 seconds.

At this stage one has to take one's own word for it (no one else's) but it is to Raleigh Leung, now the SCAA General Secretary and with not too much time to devote to the track and field side of the club.

A Friday evening conversation with Raleigh Leung ensured the fact that the Combined Civilians were going to be well represented. Said Raleigh Leung: "There are some people

I can't turn out. But I will bring along some that just like to take part."

Raleigh was as good as his word. He brought the prima donnas along as well. They were a nuisance, but a help generally in the relay. Raleigh is a man who loves athletics and at one stage the self-appointed captain of the Combined Civilians was wondering whether Raleigh or himself would be a better replacement for Billy McCall in the 4x440.

Raleigh suggested the already overworked Cheung Chek-yin instead.

### UNIQUE TRIPLE

It is unnecessary to dwell too long on the wonders of the Civilians who turned up to score points. One has but to look at the summaries and note the name of the SCAA boy who scored a unique triple of seven points from the One Mile Walk, the 120 Yards Hurdles and the 440 Yards Hurdles.

One must note too at this stage the co-operation of Inspector Goodman and the Police Athletic Club. Without even taking Mike Curzon into account the Police AC did a great job of helping the team spirit along. They turned out Pang Kam-tung, who took second in the 100 Yards, and Lo Kwong-chung, fourth in the Three Miles against a tough field, most of whom faded into nothing in the heat of the afternoon.

But the greatest contribution of the Police AC was in the 100 Yards Hurdles and in the 440 Yards Hurdles. One Mile walker Ng King-chi.

This led will some day be a Colony Champion. On the first lap of the Race Walk, Capt. Spooner, the Chief Race Walk Judge was not content with an unknown could establish such a long lead without running. Capt. Spooner changed his mind. He agreed that Ng King-chi's walking was faultless over the second and most of the third lap. On the fourth lap Capt. Spooner decided that he should warn King-chi. The warning involved running after this man who accelerated and finally broke into a gallop.

Capt. Spooner disqualified him but agreed that Ng King-chi was a walker of Championship potential.

### NOT HELPFUL

But the best part of the story comes from the efforts of the self-appointed captain of the combined Civilians team to console with Ng King-chi and tell him that he would have been a certain winner if he didn't think of hurrying. "That man," said Ng King-chi, "upset me. I thought he was telling me to jai-duk."

Here, having taken a dig at Capt. Spooner, one must take a look at what he achieved in getting the Combined Services to take part.

First of all, he produced King and Huntley to outwrestle Wong Lau-chin, the certain winner, in a Pole Vault that literally lasted for hours.

Then he pulled Sgt. Hart out of his hat to win the Mile from what was an all-star field if only of also-rans. In the Long Jump where the Civilians would have scored 15-6.

His greatest triumph was a 5-6 high-jumper, Capt. Hunter where the Services didn't, on paper, stand a chance. Never mind Lt. Sweeney, there were a useful three-four in the 220 Yards Dash in Cdn. Petrie and AB Merritt.

Without Capt. Mulvaney, there was a useful 11-7 in the High Hurdles in favour of the Services.

The Combined Civilians were well served by quite a few people, but having due regard to Cheung Chek-yin, Samuel Lo, Ng King-chi, and Cheung Chek-yin, one has to think of Mike Curzon and Billy McCall.

Curzon won a tactical 880, beat Sweeney for the first time in the 440 and came from behind in the 4x440 Relay to win convincingly.

One must point out that Lt. Sweeney, after a blanket finish with Billy McCall in the 220, was not quite himself, had an attack of stomach cramps, and it took a lot of courage and team spirit for him to finish even second. But Curzon was running a tactical race and literally ate up the last 40 yards from the mark.

Billy McCall, a sprinter who hates the third gun that he has to race all over again, finished third in the 100 to Wong Lau-chin and Petrie. He came back in the 220 and really gave Sweeney a run for his money.

To finish it all off, there came the 4x110 Relay where Billy took the anchor leg. Samuel Leung called in again at the last

minute, was on the third leg. He was the last thing from being slow, but he is not a sprinter to begin with and, secondly, he knows just about nothing yet about baton-passing.

Samuel lost five yards on the takeover from second leg, made back about two of them, fumbled once again and McCall was faced with a deficit of four and a half. Just about half dead with the heat already he really went all out on anything left, and just faded by a nose. His 110 yards, if it was time, would probably have shown 10.8 or 10.7.

One of the greatest performances of the meeting was, and it didn't go unnoticed, Bruce Tubbie's three miles victory in 18:56.2. It was his fastest, ever run, taking conditions into consideration.

One cannot fail but to pay tribute to the game Chan Kim-hung whose 17:08.8 was great running in the conditions or to the policeman, Lo Kwong-chung, who stuck it out where bigger names folded up.

A word of congratulation is also due South China's Lee Shiu-lok for his most unexpected second in the Shot Put and to that veteran and very willing sprinter, Lee Kam-yin, for his second in the Jayetta Throw.

As far as the Civilians were concerned, this columnist cannot but admire the spirit of the many willing South China boys who did their best and scored points all through the show.

But this columnist, who once thought he knew about everything in the Army and the Royal Air Force who was keen, must admit defeat against Capt. Spooner who found some more.

Finally it must be admitted that the Royal Air Force really came out in force to add to the excitement and the RAF athletics organisation, squad did most of the necessary drab work throughout the afternoon without completely losing interest to the point that at times they looked almost airborne.

The HKAAA, we have it on the best authority, are duly grateful, but some of us, having seen some such old campaigners as Fred Tingy wandering around, recall the good old days when they knew what they were doing and they stirred themselves to the extent of not only turning out to this meeting but also a Royal Air Force team, "on paper worth-while," to win the Annual Quadrangular.

### THE SUMMARIES

100 Yards: Wong Man-wan (C) 18.2; 2. Ho Hin-po (S) 18.7; 3. W. L. McCall (C) 19.1; 4. Edgar Waiden (S); 5. Sham Pit-chung (C); 6. Col. 1. S. A. M. Sweeney (S) 21.4; 2. W. L. McCall (C) 23.6; 3. Merritt (S); 4. A. B. Merritt (S); 5. Cheung Chek-yin (C); 6. Sham Pit-chung (C).

220 Yards: 1. M. P. Curzon (C) 21.1; 2. Ho Hin-po (S) 21.5; 3. Thompson (S) 21.9; 4. One Mile: Sgt. Hart (S) 4:49.4; 2. Chan Hung-ming (C) 4:57.2; 3. Sham Pit-chung (C) 5:07.4; 4. L. Smith (S); 5. LAC Ali (S); 6. Au Kam-yin (C); 7. LAC Ali (S); 8. Ng Tsang-chung (C).

Three Miles: 1. Gnr. Tubbie (S) 18:56.2; 2. Chan Kim-hung (C) 17:08.8; 3. Gnr. Tubbie (S) 17:12.4; 4. Lo Kwong-chung (C); 5. Ng Tsang-chung (C); 6. Martin Cheung (S); 7. Combined Services 48:0; 8. Combined Civilians 46.1.

440 Yards Relay: 1. Combined Services 3:42.0; 2. Combined Services 3:46.9; 3. Combined Services 3:46.9; 4. Combined Services 3:46.9; 5. Combined Services 3:46.9; 6. Combined Services 3:46.9; 7. Combined Services 3:46.9; 8. Combined Services 3:46.9; 9. Combined Services 3:46.9; 10. Combined Services 3:46.9; 11. Combined Services 3:46.9; 12. Combined Services 3:46.9; 13. Combined Services 3:46.9; 14. Combined Services 3:46.9; 15. Combined Services 3:46.9; 16. Combined Services 3:46.9; 17. Combined Services 3:46.9; 18. Combined Services 3:46.9; 19. Combined Services 3:46.9; 20. Combined Services 3:46.9; 21. Combined Services 3:46.9; 22. Combined Services 3:46.9; 23. Combined Services 3:46.9; 24. Combined Services 3:46.9; 25. Combined Services 3:46.9; 26. Combined Services 3:46.9; 27. Combined Services 3:46.9; 28. Combined Services 3:46.9; 29. Combined Services 3:46.9; 30. Combined Services 3:46.9; 31. Combined Services 3:46.9; 32. Combined Services 3:46.9; 33. 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years ago. Even now,  
on referring to it, some  
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on which notes were  
made at the time have  
almost all proved easily  
identifiable. — D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Ibis" official  
organ of the British Ornithologists  
Union, British Museum).

**S. C. M. POST**  
HONG KONG KOWLOON

# Fewer Refugees Going To W. Berlin

## 23 CAMPS HAVE BEEN CLOSED

Berlin, Apr. 17.  
The stream of East Germans seeking refuge  
in West Berlin has now dwindled to 200 a day, and  
23 camps have been closed.

A reverse trend has begun, too, with dis-  
appointed refugees returning home and  
unemployed West Germans looking for prosperity  
in East German state factories.

The peak period of flight to the West was in 1953,  
before and after the revolt of June 17. In that year,  
305,000 East Germans fled. About 80 per cent of them  
queued up outside the West Berlin refugee centres and  
the rest managed to cross the international border direct  
into West Germany.

Last year, the total dropped to 184,000. Only every second  
refugee came through West Berlin, thanks to the easing of  
travel restrictions between East and West Germany, and particu-  
larly the abolition of the international pass.

This easing prompted many  
people to visit their relatives  
on the other side of the border  
for the first time for years.  
Many East Germans found that  
all was not as wonderful as  
they had expected in West Ger-  
many—which may have caused  
many to change their minds  
about leaving home, furniture,  
and job behind for a life in the  
West which could provide work  
and homes for only a fraction  
of the refugees.

On the other hand, many  
West Germans living in poor  
circumstances found their  
relatives in East Germany  
untroubled by the much-  
feared secret police as long  
as they kept their mouths  
shut about politics and had  
no extravagant personal  
ambitions.

Jobs were to be had for the  
asking, they discovered, flats  
were only half as dear as in  
West Germany, and food was  
relatively adequate, especially  
for factory workers who bought  
their provisions in the factories'  
canteens and foodshops.

East German newspapers have  
claimed that 100,000 people  
crossed from West to East in  
1954. If that is true, the mass  
migration of Germans would  
boil down to one West German  
going East for every two East  
Germans going West.

There are several flaws in  
such arithmetic, however. East  
German authorities agree that  
most of those going East are  
East German refugees returning  
home because they were not  
recognised as political refugees  
in West Germany and had  
therefore been given only shel-  
ter and food but no job or  
other rights there.

Thousands of these unfortu-  
nate people have experienced  
worse life in Berlin and West  
Germany for many years, at  
best crumpled with two or three  
families in one room, sleeping  
in double-deck beds, and knowing  
well in advance when there  
would be noodles on the menu  
again.

Professor Theodor Oberlander,  
the West German Refugee  
Minister, in a radio interview  
here, said last year 45,000 West  
Germans had "officially" gone to  
live in East Germany. That  
means that they reported to  
West German police stations  
that they were leaving the  
country. Many of these were  
people whose families had been  
separated for years, and now  
intended to live together  
again.

Many others may have left  
without telling police.

Between 200 and 220 people  
registering each month at the  
West Berlin and West German  
refugee centres, later were  
homebound West Germans dis-  
appointed by East Germany,  
mostly farmers and small  
tradesmen who had hoped for  
better conditions there but did  
not find them.

"The figures and the motives  
are different," Professor Ober-  
lander said, comparing the  
Eastbound and the Westbound  
streams.

Those going West, he said,  
totalled nearly 2,000,000 since  
World War II out of a popula-  
tion of 17,000,000 in 1950.

"No comparable total is known  
for the people moving in the  
opposite direction. But since  
last November, the East Ger-  
man Government has issued oc-  
casional reports about West  
German refugees coming to  
their Republic."

## DRAFT DODGERS

One week in December, it  
said, there were 2,000.  
Another figure given was a  
total of 87,135 from October  
1953 to September 1954, in-  
cluding 40,020 returned East  
German refugees.

## Sculptor Makes Giant Sea Nymph Statue



## McDonald New AOC Pakistan

London, Apr. 17.  
Air Vice-Marshal William  
Baynes McDonald, will in May  
become Commander-in-Chief of  
the Royal Pakistan Air Force in  
succession to Air Vice-Marshal  
L. W. Cannon, it was officially  
announced here today.

Air Vice-Marshal McDonald  
who is 51, has been Director  
General of Manning at the Air  
Ministry since September 1952,  
before which he was Air Officer  
commanding the Aeroplane  
and Ammunition Experimental  
Establishment at Boscombe  
Downs, Wiltshire. He was  
formerly Commandant of the  
RAF Staff College, France-  
Presse.

Assen Peikov, the well-  
known Bulgarian sculptor who  
lives in Rome, is creating a  
giant 25-foot statue of a sea  
nymph for the seaside resort  
of Fiumicino, near Rome.  
The sculptor said that  
although Sophia Loren has  
been to see him at work on  
the head of the sea nymph it  
does not represent her, al-  
though it may look a little  
like the beautiful film star.  
When the statue is erected it  
will be covered with mother-  
of-pearl, and coral, from the  
shores of Italy, and will  
"shine like a lighthouse".  
Assen Peikov is pictured at  
work on the clay model of his  
sea nymph in his Rome  
studio.

## BIG CLOCK HOSPITAL

London, Apr. 17.  
A clock and watch hospital  
founded here in 1948 is to move  
soon to a five-storey factory  
and become the biggest repair  
shop of its kind in Britain.  
Now 80 skill craftsmen in  
white overalls, working at  
brightly lighted cream-coloured  
benches, repair about 700 clocks  
and watches a week. In the  
new factory about 150 men will  
be employed.

The factory was started in  
1948 by a former Royal Air  
Force man, Mr. L. J. Bright.  
Clocks and watches from  
the three armed services go to  
the "hospital" for repair. The  
clocks from the Metropolitan  
Police are also looked after  
at the repair shop, which  
is said to be as up-to-date as  
the best in Switzerland, tradi-  
tional home of anything that  
ticks.—China Mail Special.

# Heavy Casualties In Belgian Air Force

## GRAVE GOVT CONCERN

Brussels, Apr. 17.  
The high rate of fatal flying accidents in the  
Belgian Air Force is causing grave concern to  
military authorities here.

New preventive measures are being studied.  
In the last two years alone, 55 pilots have  
been killed in air crashes in Belgium and abroad,  
representing a year's intake of trainee pilots into  
the Air Force.

The accidents, moreover, have  
destroyed one eighth of Bel-  
gium's aircraft in service, mainly  
jets, and cost the country 800,-  
000,000 francs (£4,300,000 ster-  
ling). The exact figure of air-  
craft lost has not been an-  
nounced as the strength of the  
Air Force is a top secret.

**PUBLIC OPINION**  
Public opinion has been  
aroused by the number of  
fatal accidents, especially  
those caused by young  
pilots "showing-off" over  
their homes.

These, though, rare compared  
with the total number of flying  
hours put in by Air Force pilots,  
have caused several accidents  
recently, and the Defence Minis-  
try has found it necessary to  
issue a special warning.  
It called upon all parents of  
pilots to appeal to their sons  
not to break discipline by per-  
forming aerobatics over their  
homes, and warned pilots that  
they would be subject to severe  
disciplinary action if they were  
caught.

In fact, 12 pilots have been  
struck off flying lists in the last  
two years for incidents of this  
type. This cost the country an-  
other 24,000,000 francs (£170,000  
sterling) in loss of pilots. The  
number of offenders noted caught  
is probably still higher.

Each fatal accident and loss  
of aircraft costs about 12,000,000  
francs (£85,000 sterling) at  
present. The cost will be even  
greater with the new jets.  
A recent accident at Liege,  
in which 13 people were killed,  
has shown the need for close  
surveillance of new pilots when  
they join their first squadron.

A young Belgian Service  
pilot was making his first land-  
ing at Liege airport after  
finishing his training in the  
United States when his jet  
fighter bounced off the runway  
and crashed into the airport's  
administrative building. The  
pilot was killed together with  
12 other people.

**TWO OTHER ATTEMPTS**  
It was later learned that  
the pilot had already at-  
tempted a landing, which  
he had misjudged, and was  
not controlling his aircraft  
correctly. On the second, he  
again failed to approach the  
runway correctly.

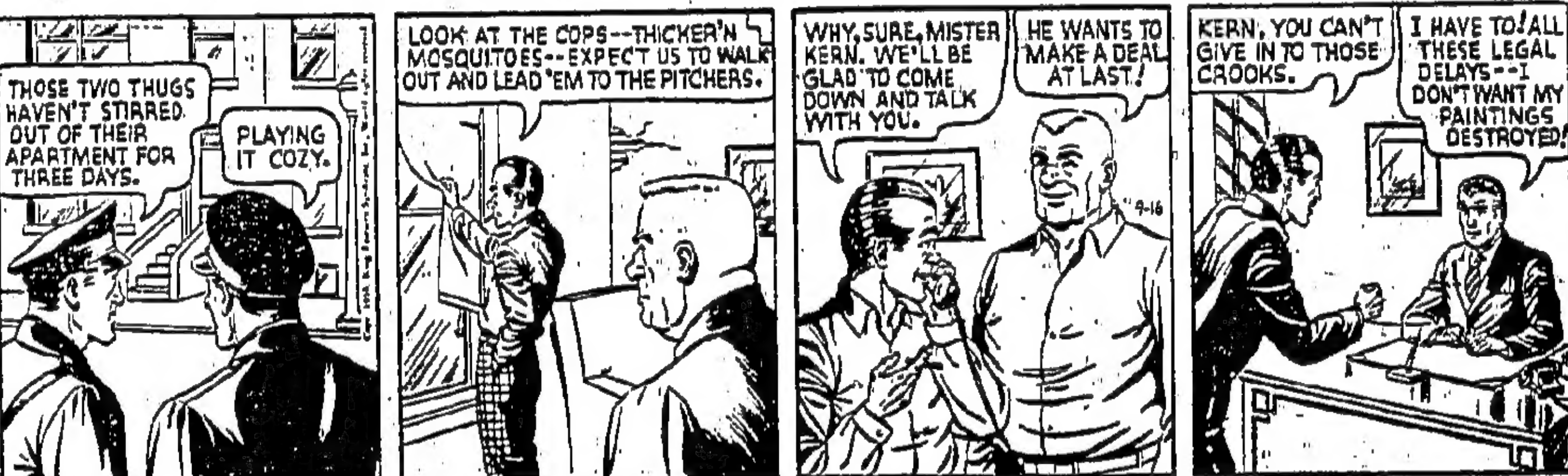
In the last two years, pilots'  
errors have accounted for the  
largest number of accidents. Of  
the 345 major and minor acci-  
dents since 1953, 217 have been  
caused by piloting mistakes, 74  
by mechanical failures, 42  
through various reasons and 12  
by causes unknown.

But the number of accidents  
fell off considerably last year  
by comparison with 1953. Ten  
fewer pilots lost their lives in  
18 fatal accidents.

The new measures to increase  
control over young pilots, whose  
numbers largely outweigh those  
of older and more experienced  
officers, are designed not only  
to reduce the number of accidents  
but also to raise the Air Force's  
combat efficiency.—China Mail  
Special.

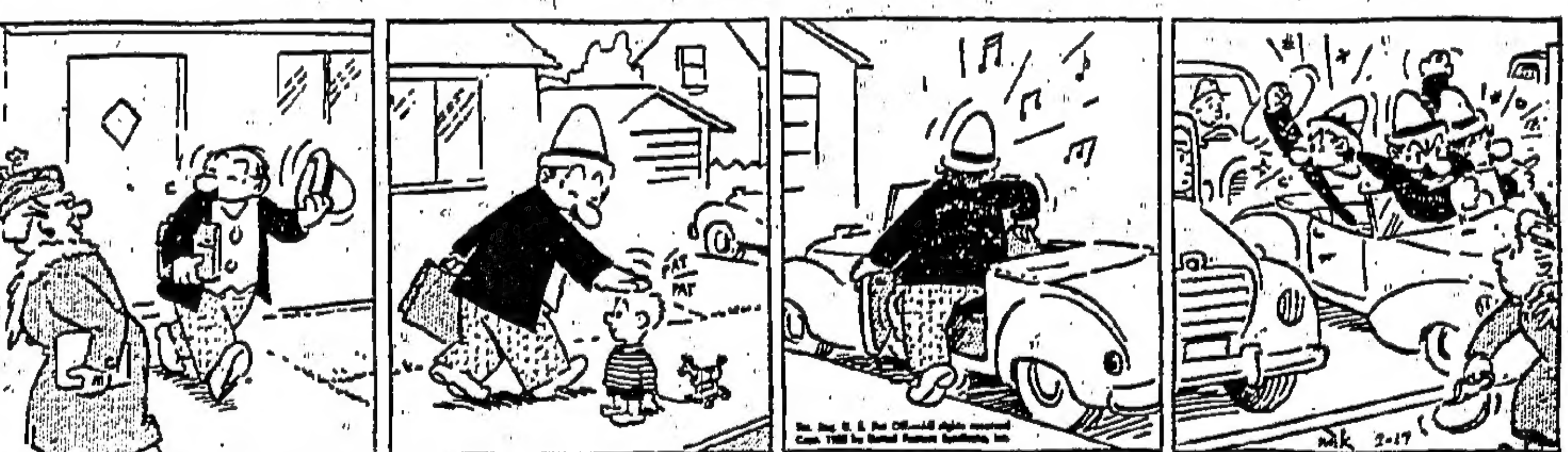
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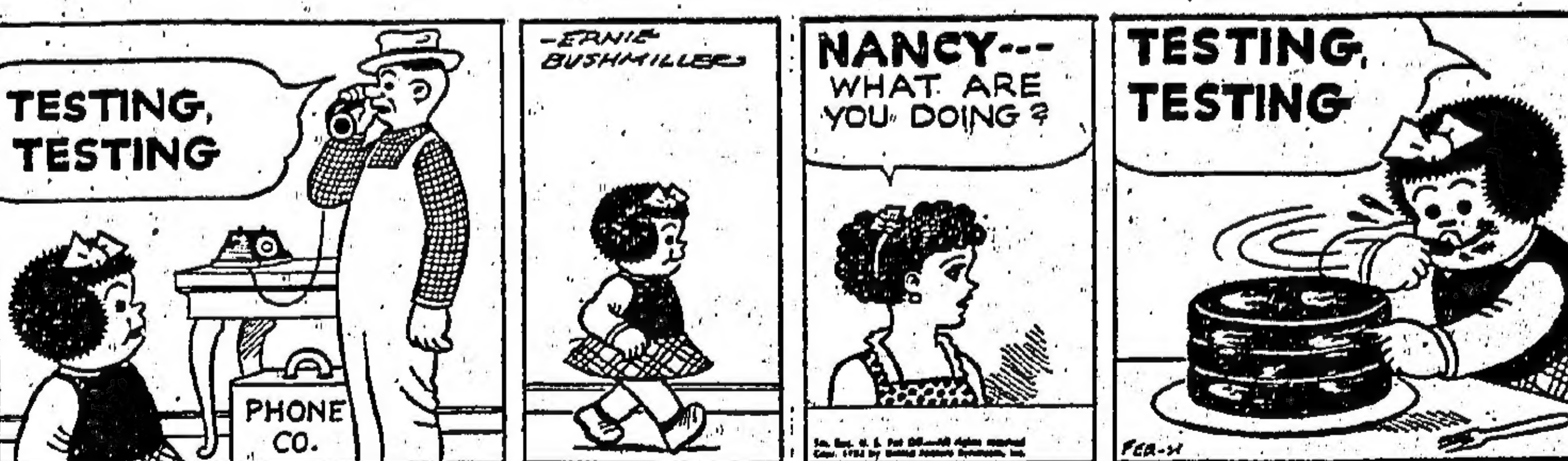
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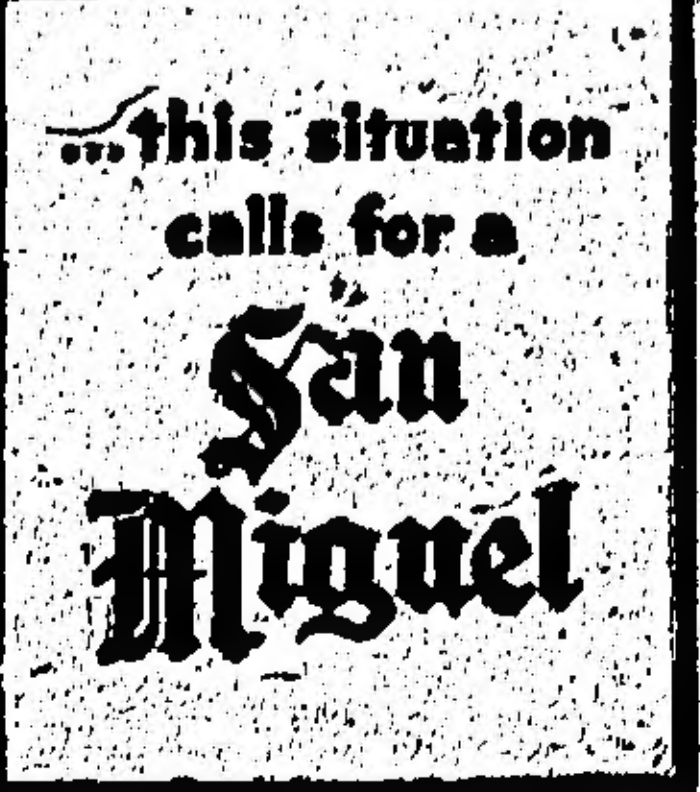
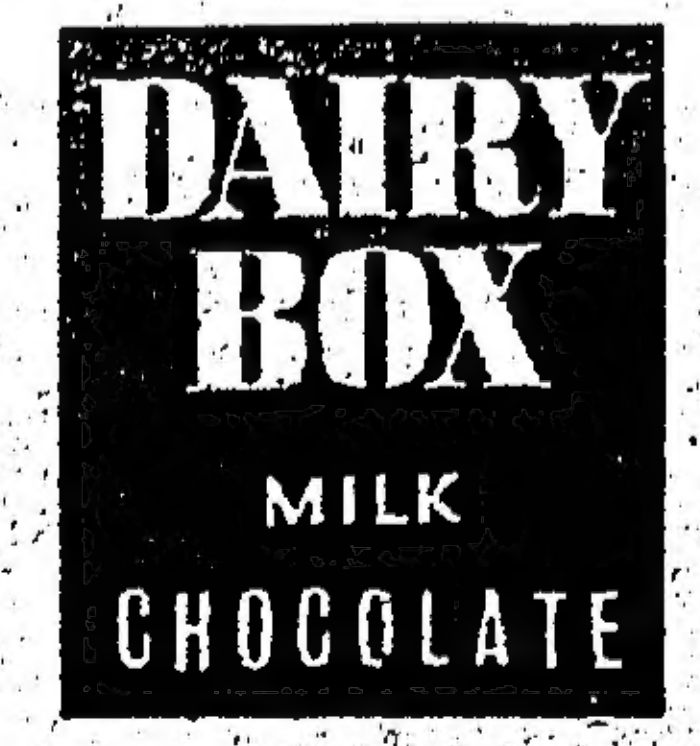
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registered mail, which may be  
sent by air, can be ascertained  
by enquiry at any post office.

**MONDAY, APRIL 18**  
By Air  
Philippines, 3 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Middle East,  
Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6  
p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., 6  
p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**  
By Air  
Japan, 8 a.m.  
Thailand, India, Middle East,  
Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8  
a.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., 9  
a.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 4 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.  
Malaya, Burma, India, Noon.  
Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Korea, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.







